### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Case No. 19-T-0549 - Application of LS Power Grid New York, LLC, LS Power Grid New York Corporation I, and the New York Power Authority for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need Pursuant to Article VII for Edic/Marcy to New Scotland; Princetown to Rotterdam Project

# NOTICE OF FILING OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND CONSTRUCTION PLAN FOR SEGMENT III OF THE CENTRAL EAST ENERGY CONNECT PROJECT

On or about September 10, 2021, LS Power Grid New York, LLC, LS Power Grid New York Corporation I, and the New York Power Authority (collectively, the "Certificate Holder") will file, or has filed, a proposed Environmental Management and Construction Plan for Segment III (the "EM&CP") of the Central East Energy Connect Project (the "Project," formerly called the Marcy to New Scotland Upgrade Project) with the New York State Public Service Commission ("Commission").

The Project, which is to be constructed predominantly within approximately 93 miles of existing utility-owned transmission line corridor, includes the following components: (1) upgrades to the Marcy and Edic substations; (2) reconductoring, involving the replacement of two circuits of 230 kV transmission line with two circuits of 345 kV transmission line on existing structures, extending for approximately 13 miles from the Edic substation; (3) removal of two existing single circuit 230 kV transmission lines on H-frame structures, and replacement with a new 345 kV double circuit transmission line on steel monopoles, extending for approximately 55 miles (with the exception of up to two segments where the double circuit lines may split into single circuits); (4) construction of a new 345 kV substation in the Town of Princetown; (5) removal of two existing single circuit 230 kV transmission lines on H-frame structures, and replacement with two new single circuit 345 kV transmission lines on steel monopoles between the new Princetown substation and Rotterdam 345 kV (a/k/a Gordon Road) substation, extending for approximately 5 miles, one of which will connect to the new Princetown substation and the other will loop in the Edic portion of the existing Edic to New Scotland 345 kV line; (6) construction of the new 345/230/115 kV Gordon Road substation adjacent to the existing Rotterdam substation yard and upgrades at the existing Rotterdam substation; (7) construction of a new double circuit 345 kV transmission line on steel monopoles between the new Princetown substation and the New Scotland substation, extending for approximately 20 miles, rebuild of an existing single circuit 345 kV transmission line on new steel monopoles starting at the new Princetown substation and extending approximately 6 miles southward in that same corridor, and partial removal and/or removal from service of the existing Rotterdam to New Scotland 115 kV line in a portion of that same corridor; and (8) upgrades to the existing New Scotland substation. EM&CPs for the Project are planned to be submitted in segments to permit construction of certain Project facilities during New York Independent System Operator approved transmission system outages. The EM&CP for Segment III generally includes the following Project elements described above: the Edic substation scope of Project element (1), Project element (2), the western approximately five miles of Project element (3), and Project element (8).

The Project is needed to address Segment A of the Public Policy Transmission Need ("PPTN") recognized by the Commission in its December 17, 2015 Order in Case 12-T-0502, which order identified a public policy need to expand transmission capacity between power generation sources and consumers on New York's electric transmission system.

#### FM&CP

The EM&CP describes the construction procedures and environmental protection measures proposed to be used for the Project. The Certificate Holder developed the EM&CP's environmental protection measures related to the clearing of vegetation, stream and wetland crossings, and water quality certification in coordination with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the New York State Department of Public Service staff. The Certificate Holder also developed agricultural protection measures in coordination with the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, consulted with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation regarding archaeological and historical protection measures, and consulted with the New York State Department of Transportation on transportation-related matters.

The EM&CP includes information regarding the specific location of the proposed construction procedures and environmental protection measures to be implemented for the activities covered under Segment III of the Project.

An electronic version of the EM&CP will be available on the Commission's Document and Matter Management page for this case at on.ny.gov/30wYSrU. The EM&CP can also be found by visiting the Commission's website (www.dps.ny.gov), clicking the "Search" tab, and entering "19-T-0549" in the "Search by Case Number" box.

The EM&CP will also be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations:

## **Local Libraries**

Holland Patent Free Library 9580 Main Street Holland Patent, NY 13354

Utica Public Library 303 Genesee Street Utica, NY 13501

Frankfort Free Library 123 South Frankfort Street Frankfort, NY 13340

Ilion Free Public Library 78 West Street Ilion, NY 13357 Weller Library 41 West Main Street Mohawk, NY 13407

Jordanville Public Library 189 Main Street Jordanville, NY 13361

Little Falls Public Library 10 Waverly Place Little Falls, NY 13365

Fort Hunter Free Library 167 Fort Hunter Road Amsterdam, NY 12010 Canajoharie Library & Art Gallery 2 Erie Boulevard

Canajoharie, NY 13317 Frothingham Free Library 28 West Main Street

Fonda, NY 12068 Fort Plain Free Library 19 Willett Street Fort Plain, NY 13339

Rotterdam Branch Library 1100 North Westcott Road Schenectady, NY 12306 Bethlehem Public Library 451 Delaware Avenue Delmar, NY 12054

Guilderland Public Library 2228 Western Avenue Guilderland, NY 12084

Altamont Free Library 179 Main Street Altamont, NY 12009

Voorheesville Public Library 51 School Road Voorheesville, NY 12186

## **Comments and Further Information**

Any person may be heard by the Commission on any matter or objection regarding the EM&CP by filing written comments with both the Secretary and the Certificate Holder (at the addresses immediately below) within 30 days of the date the proposed EM&CP was filed with the Commission, or within 30 days of the date of the newspaper publication of a copy of the EM&CP Filing Notice, whichever is later. Comments on subsequent material modifications to the EM&CP, made in response to the aforementioned written comments, shall be permitted within 15 days of service by electronic means of said modifications. The comment period shall not exceed a total of 45 days. Please reference Case 19-T-0549 when making any comments or requesting further information regarding the Project.

Any person desiring additional information with respect to a specific geographical location or specific subject or a copy of the EM&CP may request it from the Certificate Holder using the contact information provided below.

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